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NEVERMIND
THAT, IT'S
TOO LATE TO
DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

CHECK OUT
THAT GUY ON
THE RIGHT,
WASN'T HE
THAT SHIFTY
GUY FROM
BEFORE?

HE MUST HAVE
BEEN STIRRING
THINGS UP AS
ONE OF VARRO'S
LACKEYS.



AND NOW,
A HEAD-ON
CLASH WITH
HANNIBAL ON A
SCALE WE'VE
NEVER SEEN
BEFORE IS
ESSENTIALLY
UNAVOIDABLE
...

WITH VARRO
PITCHING HIS
PLAN TO DEFEAT
HANNIBAL WITH
A COLOSSAL
ARMY DURING
THE ELECTION,

THE VAST
MAJORITY
OF THE
PEOPLE HAVE
SWARMED TO
HIS SIDE TO
PROVIDE
SUPPORT.

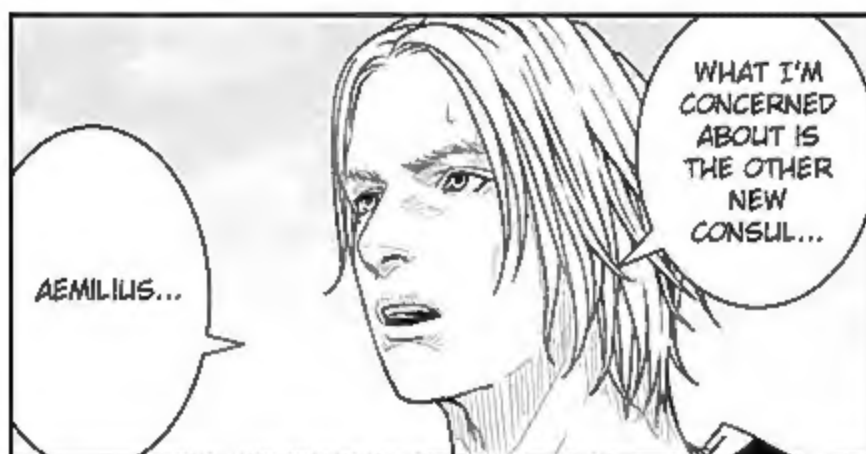


ALLIS,
TONIGHT
WE SHALL
HOST A
BANQUET.

SEE TO
THE GUEST
LIST FOR-

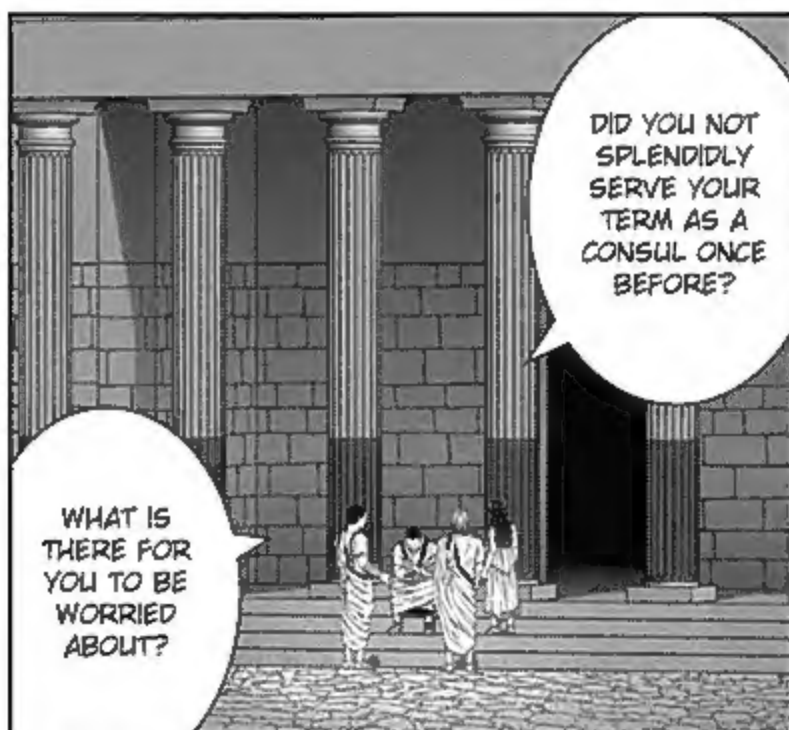


FOR ALL
INTENTS AND
PURPOSES,
OUR STRATEGY
OF ATTRITION
ENDS HERE...









DID YOU NOT
SPLENDIDLY
SERVE YOUR
TERM AS A
CONSUL ONCE
BEFORE?



YOU'RE
LETTING
YOURSELF BE
SHOWN UP BY
YOUR OWN
DAUGHTER.

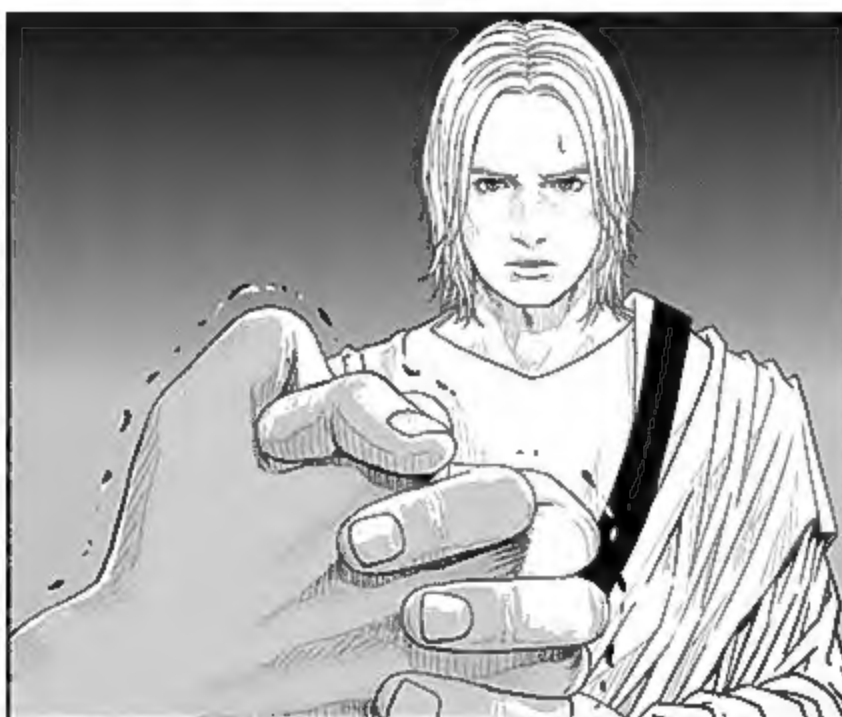
...WHAT'S
THE MATTER
WITH YOU,
AEMILIUS?



AS WELL
AS VARRO
AND THE
CITIZENS OF
ROME... I AM
SURROUNDED
ON ALL
SIDES BY
ENEMIES.

...THERE'S
THE
UNDEFEATED
HANNIBAL,

THIS IS
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT TO
BEFORE...







...HENCE,
IF VARRO
FEELS THE
URGE TO
FORCIBLY
TAKE ANY
GIVEN ACTION,
NO ONE CAN
STOP HIM.

OVERALL
COMMAND
SHALL BE
ALTERNATED
BETWEEN THE
TWO CONSULS
ON A DAILY
BASIS.

IN THE
EVENT THAT A
SINGLE ARMY
IS BEING LED
BY BOTH
CONSULS...



STAND ON
VARRO'S
SIDE.

THE
LAWS OF
ROME...

FABIUS...

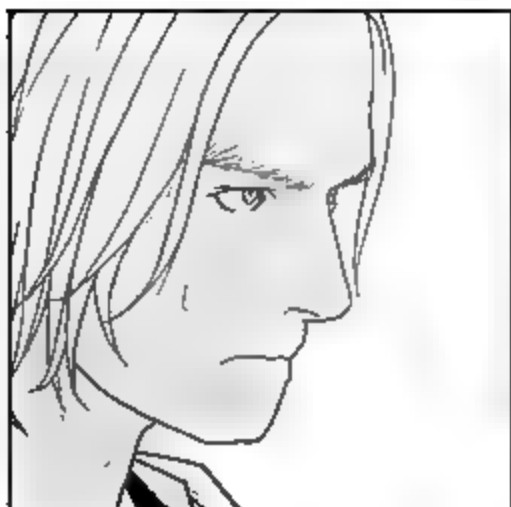
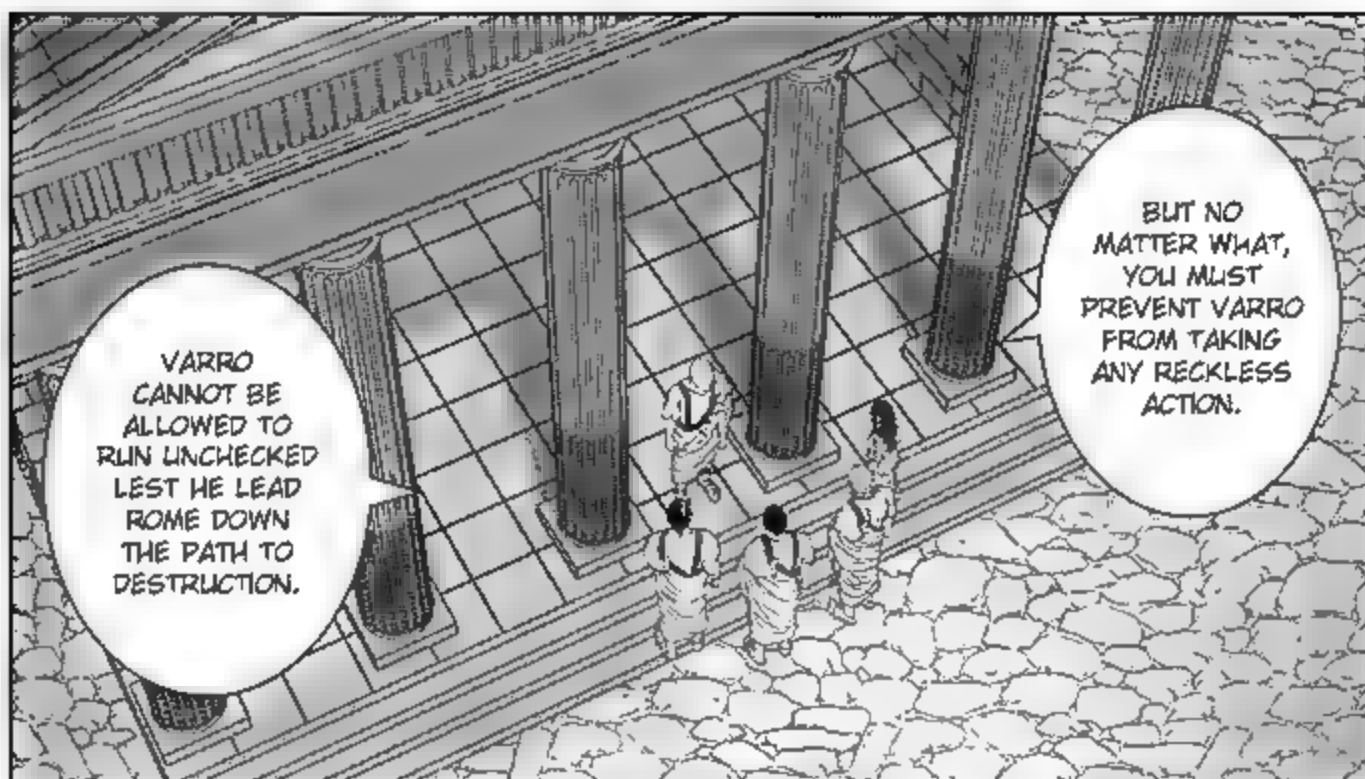


I APOLOGISE
FOR FORCING
THIS DIFFICULT
TASK UPON
YOU...

I UNDER-
STAND THAT
ASKING THIS
OF YOU
SEEMS AN
IMPOSSIBLE
TASK,
AEMILIUS...



BUT
THEN,
AM I
NOT...





PYRRHUS,
YOU SAY?



AS AN
EXAMPLE,
WE SHOULD
LOOK TO...

THE BATTLE
BETWEEN OUR
ANCESTORS
AND PYRRHUS
OF EPIRUS.



WE NEED
TO RECREATE
THAT EXACT
SAME
SCENARIO
WITH
HANNIBAL.

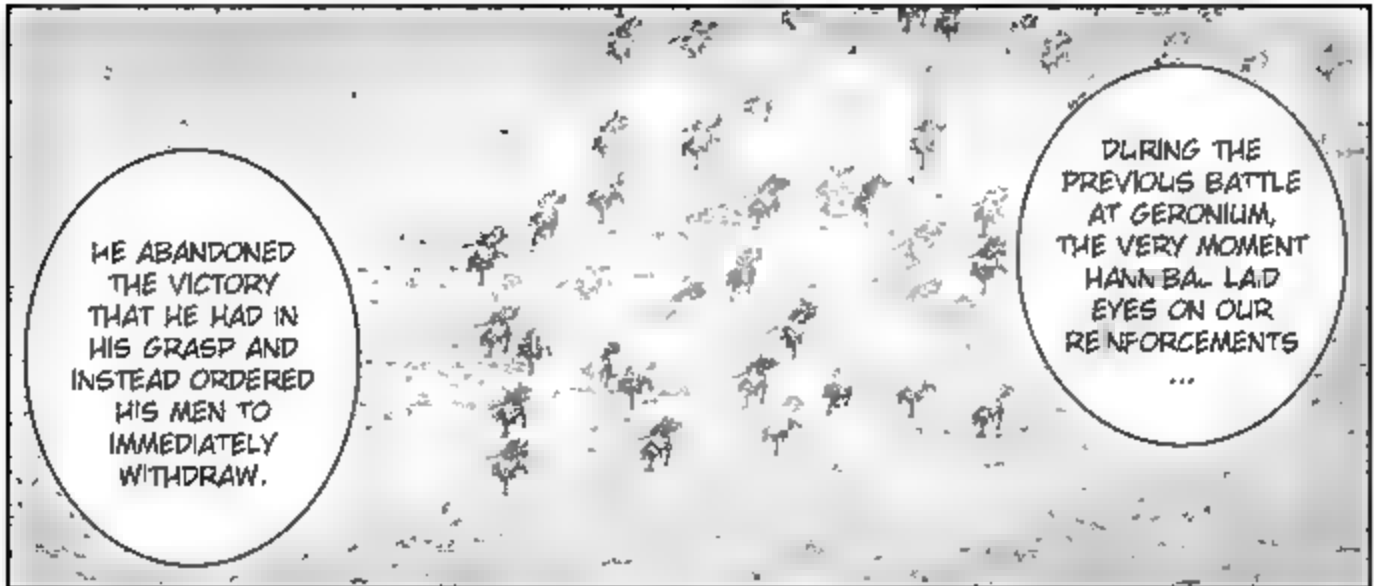


A PYRRHIC
VICTORY,
HUH?...

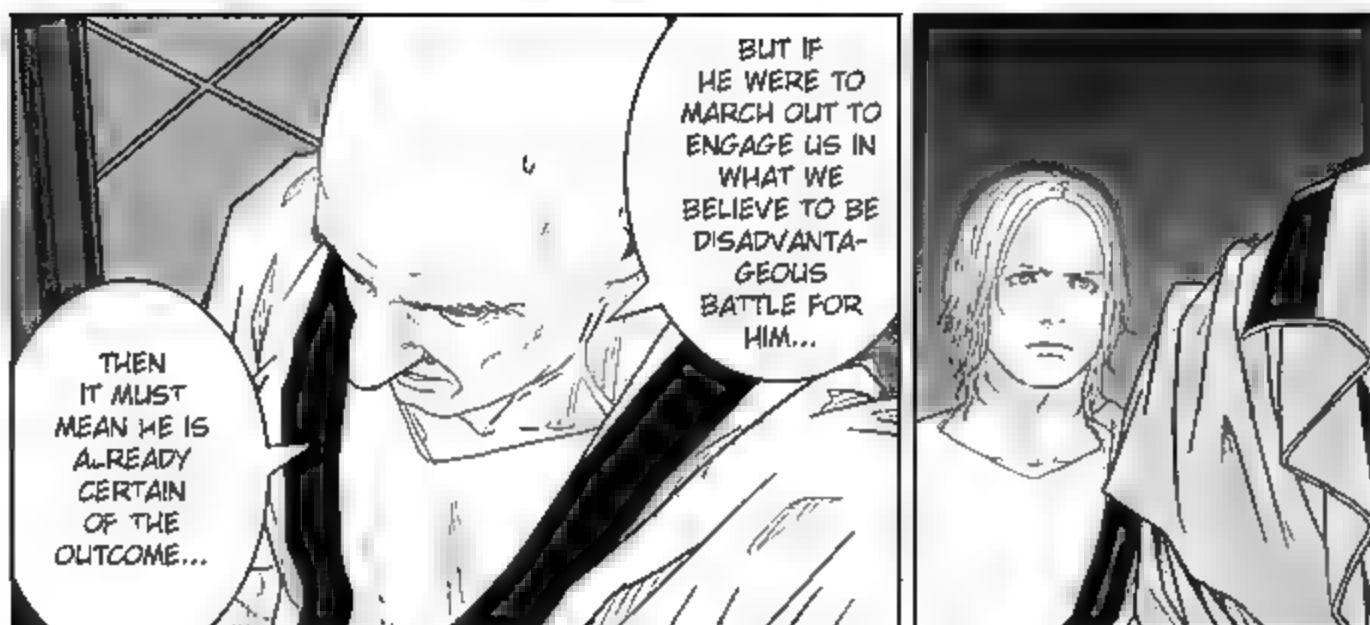
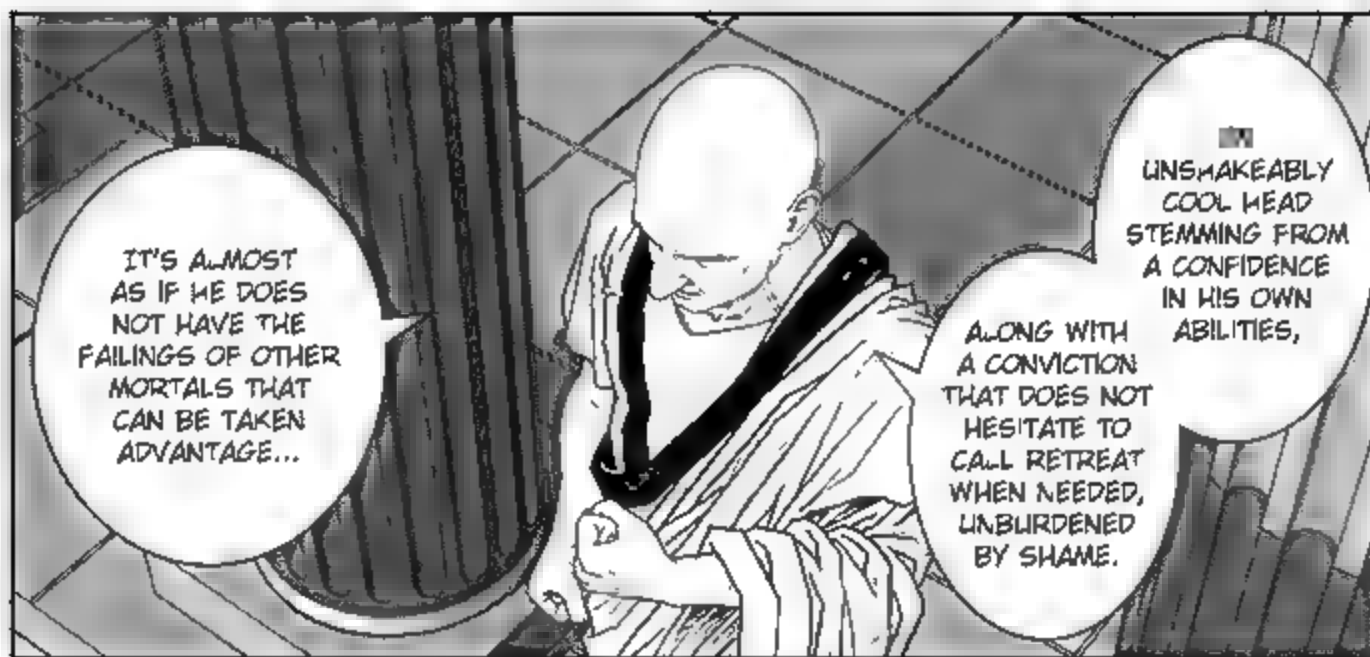


IN THE PAST,
PYRRHUS WAS
ABLE TO DEAL TWO
DEVASTATING
DEFEATS AGAINST
THE ROMAN
LEGIONS.

BUT THE PRICE
HE PAID FOR
THEM IN HIS OWN
CASUALTIES WAS
SO GREAT THAT
HE WAS NOT ABLE
TO CONTINUE
OPPOSING ROME.





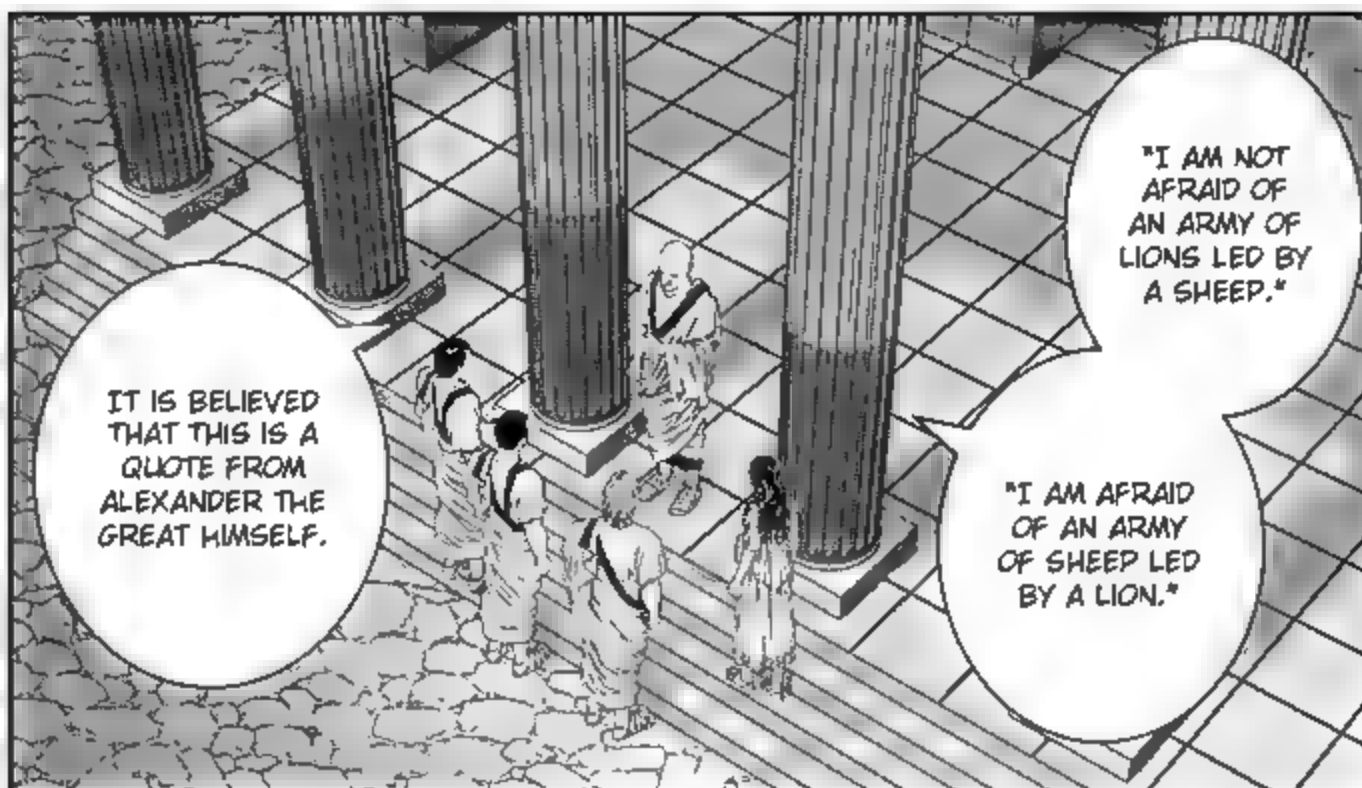


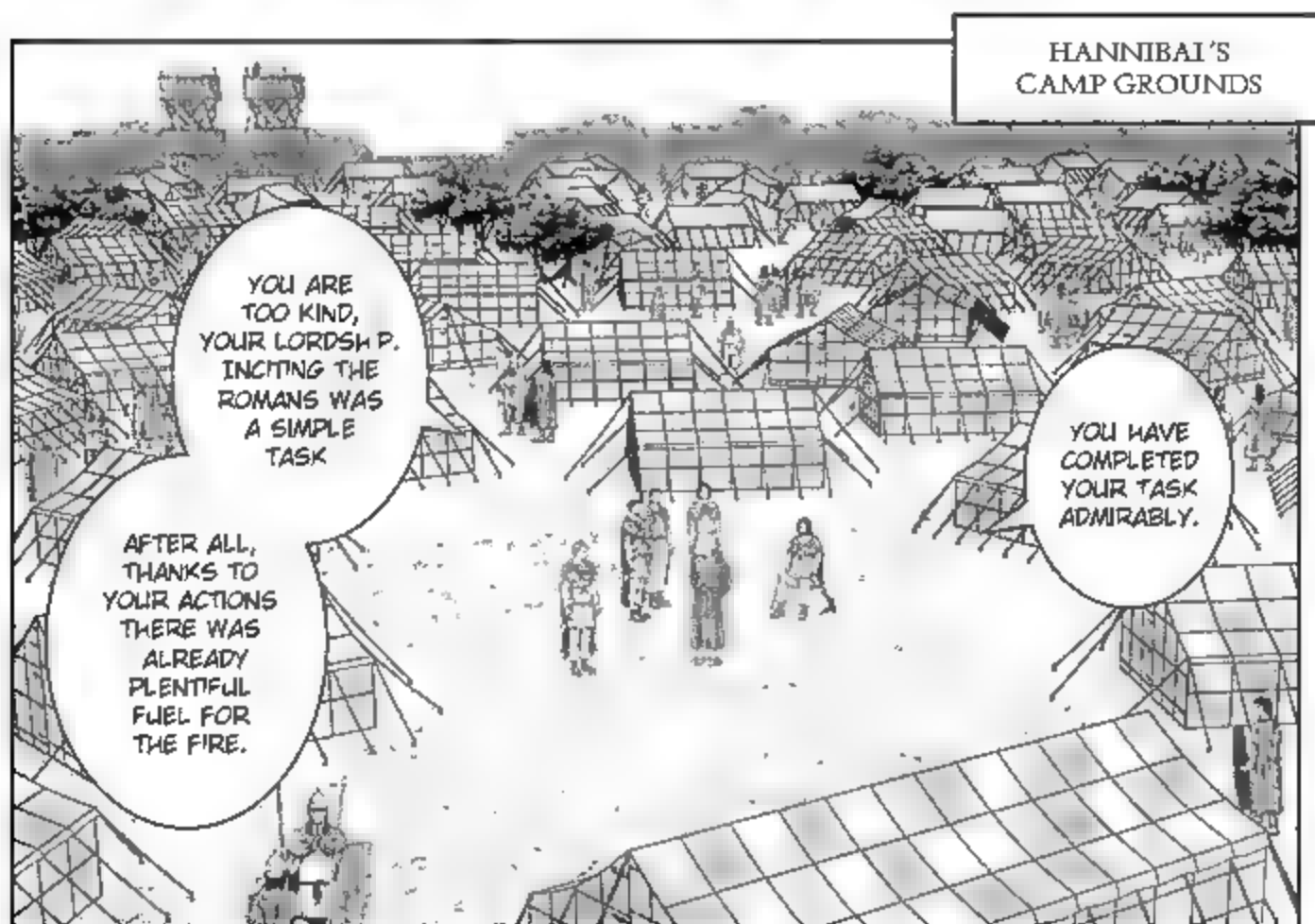


CERTAIN THAT
HE IS FULLY
CAPABLE OF
MASSACRING
86 000
ROMAN
SOLDIERS.



NO
MATTER
HOW
GIFTED
HANNIBAL
MAY BE
...





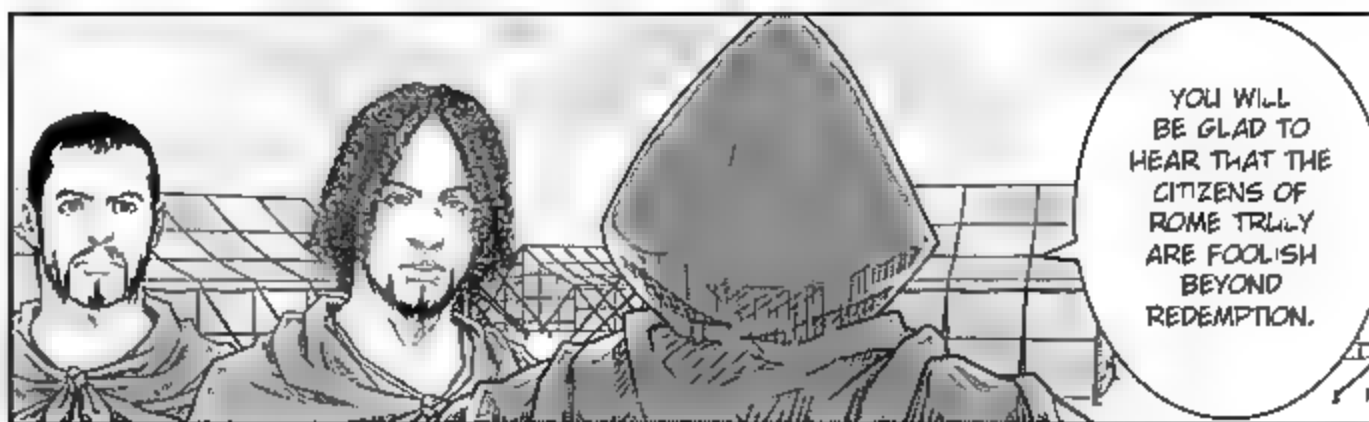


...SO
WHAT
NEWS
DO YOU
BRING?



FOR IT
TO SPREAD
ACROSS
THE WHOLE
CITY.

I SIMPLY
NEEDED TO
POUR JUST
THE TINIEST
OIL UPON
THOSE FLAMES
OF ANGER...



YOU WILL
BE GLAD TO
HEAR THAT THE
CITIZENS OF
ROME TRULY
ARE FOOLISH
BEYOND
REDEMPTION.



HAS BEEN
SUCCESSFULLY
ELECTED AS
CONSUL.

THAT
INCOMPETENT
BUFFOON,
VARRO...











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